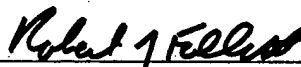


D-20,846

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to the above, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Follett
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 39,566

Praxair, Inc.
39 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT 06810-5113
Phone: (203) 837-2363
Date: November 13, 2002
Attorney Ref.: D-20846

MARKED AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (once amended) A low void pressure swing adsorption system comprised of:
 - (a) at least one hermetically sealed vessel containing an adsorbent bed with at least one inlet coupled to the adsorbent bed by way of an inlet header and at least one outlet coupled to the adsorbent bed by way of an outlet header;
 - (b) wherein the inlet header and the outlet header of each vessel have a combined volume of less than 405% of the volume of the adsorbent bed of said vessel; and,
 - (c) wherein each inlet is coupled with at least one pressure source.